Lane 4/7/77

Aside from running the de Mohrehschildt inquest for the locals in Florida Lane and his publisher have been busy.

I suppose because all other mass markets declined they submitted Operation Zorro to the National Enquirer.

It was rejected out-of-hand on the ground there is nothing to it. However, I do not believe this standard is that which will control acceptability of the work in the more establishmentarian quarters. The book has the right formula and the needed amount of schmalt z from Gregory. The Watson stuff seems to have been knocked out. (I shoulda kept my mouth shut!)

TheMann/NBC deal is again delayed, now to December. Mann has gone farthur than the entertainment format of the original concept, which is what was to have been aired this past Monday.

However, it appears not to be connected with NBC News.

Nonetheless, Mann did pass himself off as representing NBC and Lane as his assistant. Blabbermouth Lane had to boast. It is in the proofs, at Holtzman.

I don't know but I'd guess the record I've made with NBC isadequate.

As is theirs.

Best,